

State of California • Environmental Protection Agency Integrated Waste Management Board

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY

RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE



ZONE INFORMATION

The Southern Alameda County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) lies south of Oakland and north of the Silicon Valley along the San Francisco Bay. The zone includes the cities of Fremont and Union City and is located within Economic Region 4 of the San Francisco Bay Area, as defined by the State Department of Commerce.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

California Recycling Market Development Zones are designated by the Integrated Waste Management Board. The Board offers low-interest loans up to \$1 million, technical assistance on financing strategies, and assistance in marketing zones nationally and internationally. For more information on this program and other market development programs, contact the Board's Recycling Business Assistance Branch at (916) 255-1000.

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TARGET MATERIALS

The targeted materials for feedstock use include mixed paper, yard waste, ledger paper, cardboard, newspaper, and miscellaneous plastics.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Because the zone is located near large population centers, most feedstock is delivered by truck. For long-haul transportation of products and feedstock, the Port of Oakland is available. Southern Pacific Railroad has rail access running north-south through the zone, and passenger service is available from the Bay Area Rapid Transit System (BART). Highway transportation is available on Interstates 680 and 880, which run along the east bay into Oakland, and State Highway 84, which runs westward across the bay, providing access to San Francisco.

EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVES

Federal and State job training programs are available with grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000 to provide for training of new employees or to update skills of current workers.

BUSINESS INCENTIVES

Cities within the zone are willing to amend general plans where and if necessary and consider modifying building codes. The zone offers an expedited permitting process, and will consider a rebate of application and permitting fees and a reduction of local taxes.

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